-mixed libations sprinkled on the lopped sacred grass.[a]

4. INDBA, of wonderful splendour, come hither.
These libations, ever pure, expressed by the fingers
(of the priests), are desirous of thee.

5. ISDBA, apprehended by the understanding, and
appreciated by the wise, approach, and accept the
prayers of the priest, as he offers the libation.

6. Fleet INDRA, with the tawny coursers, come
hither to the prayers (of the priest), and in this
libation accept our (proffered) food.

7. Universal Gods,[b] protectors and supporters of Targa YL
men, bestowers (of rewards), come to the libation
of the worshipper.

enemies weep. *Vartani* means a road or way,—or here, it is said, the front of the way, the van; and the compound means, they who are in the van of warriors.

& *Triktab&rhishah.* The sacred *Jcicsa* grass *(Poa cynoBuroides)*$_y$ after having had the roots cut off, is spread on the *vedi* or altar; and upon it the libation of *Soma* juice, or oblation of clarified butter, is poured out. In other places, a tuft of it, in a similar position, is supposed to form a fitting seat for the deity or deities invoked to the sacrifice. According to Mr. Stevenson, it is also strewn over the floor of the chamber in which the' worship is performed.

* The *Tistvadevas* are, sometimes, vaguely applied to divinities in general; but they also form a class, whose station

and character are imperfectly'noticed, but who are entitled, at most religious rites, to share in the solemnity. In this and the two nest stanzas, forming a *TricJia,* or triad, to be recited at the worship of* the *Tiswadevas,* some of their attributes are particularized, connecting them with the elements.